

Prior law provided for the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) composed of activities designed to improve mathematics and science education, pursuant to an agreement with the National Science Foundation (NSF). Further provided that such activities shall include professional development for teachers, teacher certification, assessment of curricula and curricular materials, educational technology, community partnerships, evaluation, information dissemination, and equity and diversity issues.

Prior law created the LaSIP Council to administer the program and authorized the council to employ staff to implement LaSIP programs and projects. Provided that the council be composed of 27 members (designated individually by virtue of their position or office or representing specified organizations) from all facets of elementary and secondary and postsecondary education, including educators, administrators, parents, policymakers, and professional and labor organizations.

Prior law directed the legislature to appropriate annually funds awarded to the program, including funds awarded to the program by the NSF and state matching funds as provided in the state's agreement with the NSF. Further provided that such funding be allocated in a manner consistent with Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Board of Regents' policies and the state's agreement with the NSF.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 4, 2014).

(Repeals R.S. 17:2751-2759 and R.S. 36:651(D)(6))